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SUBJ: UNOFFICIAL RETURNS ON JUNE 18 CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY
ELECTIONS

1. VICTOR RAUL HAYA DE LA TORRE'S APRA AND LUIS BEDOYA REYES' PPC UNOFFICIALLY ARE ESTIMATED TO HAVE WON 63 SEATS IN THE CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY. APRA, WITH OVER 35 PERCENT OF THE POPULAR VOTE, HAD A CLEAR PLURALITY. THE TOTAL LEFTIST VOTE (6 PARTIES) UNOFFICIALLY WAS CALCULATED TO HAVE REACHED ABOUT 30 PERCENT WITH THE DARK HORSE OF THE LEFT BEING EXILED LAWYER GENARO LEDESMA'S FRENTE OBRERO CAMPESINO ESTUDIANTEL Y POPULAR (FOCEP). TO THE SURPRISE OF MOST OBSERVERS, FOCEP CAPTURED AN ESTIMATED 11 PERCENT OF THE NATIONAL VOTE, AUGMENTING CONSIDERABLY THE LEFT'S TOTAL COUNT; THE FOCEP SUPPORT IS GENERALLY BELIVED TO REPRESENT A "PROTEST VOTE" AGAINST THE MILITARY REGIME.

2. TELEVISION PANAMERICANA'S EARLY MORNING ESTIMATES WERE BASED ON AN INFORMAL COUNT OF 3,713,736 VALID VOTES CAST.

PARTY	PERCENT	SEATS
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APRA	35.14	36
PPC	26.17	27
FOCEP	11.52	12
PSR	5.9	6
PCP	5.73	6
UDP	4.23	4

FNTC	2.96	3
UNO	2.5	2
MDP	2.1	2
PDC	2.04	2
ARS	0.65	0
PDRP	0.69	0

PERCENTAGES DO NOT ADD TO 100 DUE TO ROUNDING. INVALIDATED BALLOTS WERE REPORTED AT APPROXIMATELY 456,000 AND BLANK ONE AT ABOUT 117,000. ADDED TO ESTIMATED VALID VOTE OF 3.7 MILLION, TOTAL VOTE TURNOUT APPROXIMATELY 85 PERCENT OF THE COUNTRY'S 5.5 MILLION ELIGIBLE VOTERS. LITTLE DATA IS YET AVAILABLE ON THE OUTCOME OF THE PREFERENTIAL VOTE FOR INDIVIDUAL CANDIDATES.

3. IT SHOULD BE STRESSED THAT ABOVE RESULT ESTIMATES ARE BOTH UNOFFICIAL AND PRELIMINARY. ADDITIONAL ANALYSIS WILL FOLLOW. INITIAL CONTACT WITH APRA AND OUR PERSONAL OBSERVATIONS AROUND LIMA INDICATE VOTE CONDUCTED FAIRLY AND OPENLY. ALTHOUGH THERE ARE REPORTS OF SOME SCATTERED INCIDENTS OR PROBLEMS AT THE POLLS, THESE DO NOT SEEM TO HAVE AFFECTED SIGNIFICANTLY THE CONDUCT OF THE ELECTIONS.
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